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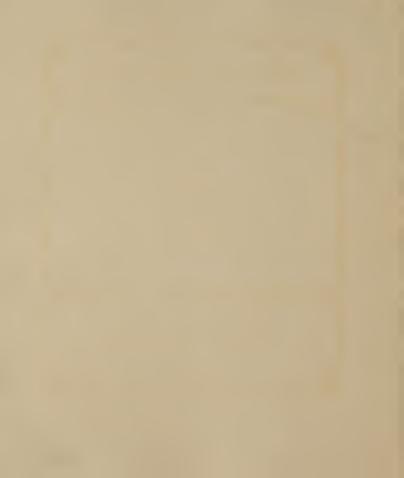




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THE DUTCH PEOPLE offered a prize to the man who could find a short way to India by sailing north around America. A great English sea captain wished to try for the prize. The Dutch finally decided to let him try. They gave him a ship called the Half-Moon. The Half-Moon was named after a famous fort. At the bow of the vessel was the figure of a red lion with a golden mane, and over head floated the orange, white, and blue flag of the Dutch.

The Half-Moon sailed across the Atlantic Ocean and up the coast of North America and in to Hudson Bay. The voyage took two months. Hudson and his men passed the winter at Hudson Bay. The next spring when they started exploring again the crew mutinied.

Henry Hudson was put off the Half-Moon by his crew June 22, 1611. He was put off in Hudson Bay in a small boat and was never heard of again.

Some people think he drifted ashore and lived with the Eskimos.

Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait, and the Hudson River, as well as many other places were named after Hudson.

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